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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 5025 - Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (*Rep. Istook – Appropriations /Unanimous Consent Agreement/Resume Consideration*). This bill, as reported by the committee, provides \$89.9 billion, which is \$495 million below the FY04 level. Funding in this bill include: \$58.8 billion for the Transportation Department (\$14.02 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration; \$35.09 billion for the Federal Highway Administration; \$7.25 billion for the Federal Transit Administration; and \$1.08 for the Federal Railroad Administration); \$11.22 billion for the Treasury Department (\$10.29 billion for the Internal Revenue Service); \$727 million for the Executive Office of the President; \$18.22 billion for the Office of Personnel Management; and \$36.5 million for the U.S. Postal Service.

However, during consideration of this bill on the House Floor, several portions of the bill were stricken on points of order. Critical programs stripped from the bill include: Federal highway grants to States; airport improvement grants to local communities; essential air service grants for rural airports; transit formula grants for States and funding for major capital investment projects; and highway traffic safety grants to States. Today, the House will resume the amendment process under a unanimous consent agreement reached last night that makes in order the following amendments:

- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding a 1% across the board cut.
- **Davis (FL) Amendment (1 hour)**. Regarding new restrictions on travel to Cuba.
- **Sanders Amendment (40 minutes)**. Regarding cash-balance pension plans.
- **Istook Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding the General Services Administration.
- **Olver Amendment (30 minutes)**. Regarding Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
- **Olver Amendment (20 minutes)**. Regarding IRS or election reform.
- **Brown (OH) Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding the inclusion of fast food workers in manufacturing statistics.
- **Van Hollen Amendment (20 minutes)**. This amendment would prevent OMB from spending any funds to implement the A-76 rewrite changes that were finalized on May 29 regarding federal employees and contractors. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**
- **Capito Amendment (20 minutes)**. This amendment would prevent funds in the underlying bill to be used to plan, enter into, implement, or provide oversight of contracts between the Secretary of the Treasury and any private collection agency for collection of Federal taxes. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**
- **Flake Amendment (1 hour)**. Regarding the ban on travel to Cuba.
- **Delahunt Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding remittances to Cuba.
- **Rangel Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding the economic embargo on Cuba.
- **Lee Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding study abroad or educational opportunities in Cuba.
- **Waters Amendment (10 minutes)**. Regarding sanctions on commercial sales to Cuba.
- **Stenholm Amendment (20 minutes)**. Regarding the debt limit.
- **Gutierrez Amendment (30 minutes)**. Regarding the Comptroller of the Currency's "preemption" regulations.

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- **Moran (VA) Amendment (20 minutes).** Regarding health savings accounts under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan -- chapter 89 of title 5 of the United State Code.
- **Butterfield Amendment (10 minutes).** Regarding disadvantaged business enterprises.
- **Norton Amendment (10 minutes).** Regarding federal employee health benefit plans.

Suspensions (1 bill):

- 1) **H.Res. 771** - Expressing the thanks of the House of Representatives and the Nation for the contributions to freedom made by American POW/MIAs on National POW/MIA Recognition Day (*Rep. Simmons / Armed Services*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, no votes are expected in the House.

Daily Quote...

"The [new] overtime rules simply compound worries for many workers whose take-home pay is being eroded by inflation, rising healthcare premiums and the slow pace of wage increases. Employers have been unusually dependent upon temporary workers, the job-creating machine continues to sputter and the large pool of the underemployed relieves pressure on employers to offer higher wages. A study of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities shows that the percentage of corporate profits ending up in paychecks during this economic recovery has sunk to a post-World War II low. Three former Labor Department officials who worked for Democratic and Republican administrations estimate that as a result of the Bush administration's new rules, overtime protection could disappear for 6 million Americans. Bush had better hope they don't vote."

- Los Angeles Times today